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MOSCOW OBSERVERS DISCUSS KISSINGER VISITL271842 MOSCOW INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN RUSSIAN 0739 GMT 27 OCT 74 L

(INTERNATIONAL OBSERVERS ROUNDTABLE WITH VIKENTIIY MATVEYEV, POLITICAL OBSERVER OF IZVESTIYA; NIKOLAY POLYANOV, FIRST DEPUTY CHIEF EDITOR OF IZVESTIYA; AND VIKTOR SHRAGIN, POLITICAL OBSERVER OF CENTRAL TELEVISION AND ALL-UNION RADIO)

(EXCERPTS) (SPEAKING IN) GOOD MORNING COMRADES. TODAY, AS USUAL IN OUR ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS, WE SHALL DEAL WITH THE PRIMARY EVENTS OF THE PAST WEEK. THESE EVENTS, WHICH ARE DIVERSE IN THEIR CHARACTER AND SIGNIFICANCE, FILL OUT THE COMPLEX PICTURE OF THE MODERN WORLD WHERE IMPORTANT WORK IS BEING CARRIED OUT IN RECONSTRUCTING INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS. TO ENUMERATE, THESE LATEST EVENTS ARE SUFFICIENTLY REVEALING IN THEMSELVES. THROUGHOUT THE WORLD GREAT INTEREST HAS BEEN MANIFESTED IN THE TALKS BETWEEN GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE CPSU CENTRAL COMMITTEE LEONID ILICH BREZHNEV, ANDREY ANDREYEVICH GROMYKO, MEMBER OF THE CPSU CENTRAL COMMITTEE POLITBURO AND USSR MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, AND HENRY KISSINGER, U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE AND ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT ON MATTERS OF NATIONAL SECURITY.

OPINIONS WERE EXCHANGED ON MATTERS OF THE UTMOST IMPORTANCE AND COMPLEXITY. THESE EXCHANGES WERE BUSINESSLIKE AND CONSTRUCTIVE. AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED THAT ON 23 AND 24 NOVEMBER, IN THE REGION OF VLADIVOSTOK, A WORKING MEETING WILL BE HELD BETWEEN GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE CPSU CENTRAL COMMITTEE LEONID ILICH BREZHNEV AND PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES GERALD FORD.

(MATVEYEV) ANOTHER ISSUE WHICH WE SHOULD BE DISCUSSING TODAY IS THAT OF SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS IN VIEW OF THE MOSCOW VISIT BY US SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER. THE STATE OF THESE RELATIONS IS A THEME WHICH HAS BEEN, AND STILL IS, IN THE FOREFRONT OF TODAY'S MANY URGENT PROBLEMS. WHETHER THE NEEDLE ON THE INTERNATIONAL BAROMETER GOES UP TO FAIR OR DROPS DOWN TO STORMY IS LARGELY DEPENDENT ON THE SORT OF CLIMATE PREVALENT IN THESE RELATIONS. FOR THIS REASON ALONE--AND IT IS, OF COURSE, A VERY URGENT ONE--THE TALKS IN OUR CAPITAL HELD WITH U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER ARE ATTRACTING CONSIDERABLE WORLD ATTENTION.

ALMOST 3 MONTHS HAVE PASSED SINCE A NEW U.S. PRESIDENT ENTERED THE WHITE HOUSE. PRESIDENT FORD STATED FROM THE VERY BEGINNING THAT IN THE PRINCIPAL ISSUES, INCLUDING SUCH CRUCIAL POINTS AS INTERNATIONAL DETENTE AND THE RELATIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION, AMERICAN POLICY WOULD NOT BE CHANGED AND WOULD BE CHARACTERIZED BY FIRM CONTINUITY WITH THE PREVIOUS POLICY. THESE AND OTHER ANALOGOUS STATEMENTS FROM THE AMERICAN SIDE ARE BEING RECEIVED WITH SATISFACTION BY ALL THOSE WHO ACKNOWLEDGE THE IMPORTANCE OF NORMAL CONSTRUCTIVE SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS FOR THE CAUSE OF GENERAL PEACE.

(POLYANOV) CHARACTERISTIC IN THIS CONTEXT IS WHAT SUCH A KNOWLEDGEABLE AND INFLUENTIAL AMERICAN FIGURE AS CHARLES YOST, FORMER U.S. REPRESENTATIVE AT THE UNITED NATIONS, WROTE IN THE AMERICAN PAPER CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR ABOUT RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION: IT IS DIFFICULT TO IMAGINE THAT WE COULD MAINTAIN OVER A NUMBER OF YEARS A DEGREE OF MUTUAL AGREEMENT WHICH IS INDISPENSABLE FOR AN EXTENSION OF DETENTE IF RIVALRY IN THE PRODUCTION OF ARMAMENTS REMAINS AT THE PRESENT LEVEL. IN OTHER WORDS, THE ARMS RACE IS NOT A BASIS FOR BUILDING GOODNEIGHBORLY RELATIONS.

(MATVEYEV) THIS IS INDISPUTABLE. IT IS ALSO NATURALLY INDISPUTABLE THAT A COMPLEX TANGLE OF PROBLEMS NEEDS TO BE SOLVED IN THE SPHERE OF LIMITING STRATEGIC ARMS--PROBLEMS CONNECTED NOT SIMPLY WITH QUANTITATIVE LIMITATION OF THESE ARMS, BUT ALSO WITH THEIR QUALITATIVE LIMITATION. THE BIG SCALE OF THESE TASKS, HOWEVER, DOES NOT MEAN THAT THEY CANNOT BE SOLVED AT ALL. NOT BY ANY MEANS. MOST AUTHORITATIVE STATEMENTS FROM OUR SIDE INDICATE THAT THE SOVIET UNION IS IN FAVOR OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE USSR SHOWING--BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT--MAXIMUM RESTRAINT IN THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR ARMAMENTS AND REACHING AGREEMENT WHICH WOULD MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO PREVENT THE CREATION OF EVER NEW SYSTEMS OF STRATEGIC ARMS. ALSO, THE INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC AT LARGE EXPECTS THAT IN THE FUTURE OUR COUNTRY AND THE UNITED STATES WILL BE ABLE TO REACH NEW, EVEN MORE IMPORTANT AGREEMENTS STRENGTHENING THE FOUNDATIONS OF UNIVERSAL PEACE AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY.

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